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PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Short, in a short answer, is that basically what he said?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Yeah.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Couldn't find it in the...

SENATOR MAURSTAD: No basis upon...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...literature or...

SENATOR MAURSTAD: ...no basis upon which to state the claim as safer or preferred. I want to correct the record. His name is Dr. Curtis Cook. He's at the Butterworth Hospital.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, I'm...okay. I transposed some things. Then, Senator Maurstad, let me ask you this question. Why, if it is never indicated as a legitimate medical procedure, it is never the safest, why did you make an exception when it could be allowed since it is never medically indicated? Why does your bill say that this procedure, which is never justified, is nevertheless justified? Why did you do that?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Obviously, Senator, from the practical perspective, first of all, but even the individual that I spoke of earlier, Dr. Haskell, indicated that this procedure was primarily done, and he performs them and lectures on them, for convenience and the quickness that's available.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then you wanted...you allowed the exception for convenience and quickness reasons?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: No, Senator, you know I didn't indicate that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then why, I'm asking you why...

SENATOR MAURSTAD: I indicated that's why...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...did you allow it?